

San Antonio Missions National Historical Park



Superintendent's Compendium
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**Superintendent's Compendium
Of Designations, Closures, Permit
Requirements and Other Restrictions
Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.**

Approved:


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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following regulatory provisions are established for the proper management, protection, government and public use of those portions of the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

**I. 36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES,
AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES**

(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain use or activity:

(I) Roads closed to non-official vehicle use: The Harris House and Mission San Juan Service Roads so designated by signs and/or locked gates are closed to non-official vehicle use.

- *The Harris House Service Road is for staff and emergency vehicle access only and the gate is subject to closure at any time. There is sufficient visitor parking in the Visitor Center Parking Lot. The Mission San Juan Service Road is for staff and emergency vehicle access only. There is sufficient visitor parking in the Mission San Juan visitor parking lot.*

(II) Mission Concepcion, Mission San Juan and Mission Espada Visitor Contact Stations are closed between 05:00 P.M. and 09:00 A.M. daily unless use is authorized by the Superintendent.

(III) Mission San Jose Visitor Center and Compound are closed between 5:00PM and 9:00AM unless use is authorized by the Superintendent.

- *Mission San Jose Compound gates are closed daily at 5PM to keep visitors out of this walled area to reduce the risk of vandalism to park resources.*

(IV) Espada Aqueduct Parking Lot is closed daily from 4:30PM to 9:00AM unless use is authorized by the Superintendent.

- *The vehicle denial gates at the Espada Aqueduct are closed daily at 4:30PM and kept locked during the overnight hours as this area has insufficient lighting, a history of illegal drug use and vandalism to park resources and a structure (Espada Aqueduct) which is unsafe to climb or walk over.*

(V) Rancho de las Cabras is closed to all public use, except guided tours conducted by the National Park Service and administrative uses authorized by the Superintendent.

- *Rancho de las Cabras is a remote location with no regular staff presence on site. The area is closed to protect park resources.*

(VI) The Mission San Jose Visitor Center parking lot is closed for parking to all busses and motor homes except for: Bus use of the designated drop-off and pick-up lane. Buses, motorhomes and campers may park only in the area designated for these types of vehicles located east of the San Jose Visitor Center.

- *The Visitor Center parking lot is not big enough to safely accommodate bus, motor home or camper parking. There is sufficient parking for these vehicles just east of the parking lot and adjacent to the designated picnic area.*

(VII) The park Visitor Center, Espada Aqueduct parking lot, all National Park Service managed contact stations, museums and rest room facilities are closed to the public on Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day unless the Superintendent authorizes use.

- *These are Federal Holidays and there is no staff on hand to provide visitor services.*

(VIII) Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of San Antonio Missions National Historical Park is prohibited except as approved in writing by the Superintendent.

- *San Antonio Missions is a small urban park with high concentrations of buildings and visitors. The prohibition is needed to protect historic structures from possible*

damage caused by unmanned aircraft, the protection of cultural view sheds from encroachment and for the protection of park staff, visitors and property from falling objects.

II. 36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

(f) The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the superintendent is required:

- §2.5(a) Specimen collection (Take plant, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals).
- §2.10(a) Camping
- §2.12(a)(2) Operating a chainsaw in developed areas
- §2.12(a)(3) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas
- §2.12(a)(4) Operation of a public address system in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51
- §2.17(a)(3) Delivery or retrieval of a person or object by parachute, helicopter or other airborne means.
- §2.17(c)(1) Removal of a downed aircraft
- §2.37 Soliciting or demanding gifts, money goods or services
- §2.38(a) Use, possess, store, transport explosives, blasting agents
- §2.38(b) Use or possess fireworks
- §2.50 Conduct a sports event, pageant, regatta, public spectator attraction, entertainment, ceremony, and similar events
- §2.51 Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views (Groups of 25 or less do not require a permit but must utilize a designated Public Assembly area – See maps attached)
- §2.52 Sale or distribution of printed matter that is not solely commercial advertising (Groups of 25 or less do not require a permit but must utilize a designated Public Assembly area – See maps attached)
- §2.60(b) Livestock use

- §2.62(b) Scattering of human ashes
- §3.3 Use of a vessel
- §4.11(a) Exceeding of established vehicle load, weight and size limits

III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

Section 2.1 Preservation of Natural, Cultural and Archeological Resources

(c)(1) Pecans may be collected by hand for personal consumption on site without a collection permit.

- *Pecan trees are abundant in the park and may be collected by hand so as not to damage pecan trees or cause a hazard to other visitor use activities. The Superintendent has determined that hand collection of pecans will not have a negative impact on natural resources.*

Section 2.11 Picnicking

Picnicking at Mission San Jose, Mission Concepcion and the Brown Park River Rest areas is restricted to the designated picnic table area. Designated picnic tables areas are for use during day light hours only. Picnic tables cannot be reserved and are available on a first come, first served basis.

- *There are sufficient designated picnic tables at each of these locations with available trash and recycling containers. Fire ants are common in other grassy areas and as such are not deemed appropriate for picnicking.*

Section 2.13 Fires

(a)(1) All fires, including propane, wood and/or cooking coals are prohibited at all Mission sites, park picnic areas, Espada Aqueduct, Brown Park River Rest area and Rancho de las Cabras unless authorized by permit from the Superintendent.

- *There are no available fire grills and/or fire rings available in the park and no facilities exist for the disposal of hot wood or coals. Cooking coal grills are readily available at city and county park facilities immediately adjacent to NPS units.*

Section 2.15 Pets

(a)(5) Pet owners or responsible persons shall promptly police and dispose of pet fecal matter into the nearest trash receptacle when within the boundaries of San Antonio Missions National Historical Park.

- *San Antonio Missions NHP is an urban park with high concentrations of visitors in a small area. For the health and enjoyment of all visitors it is necessary for pet owners to clean up after their pet.*

Section 2.21 Smoking

(a) Smoking is prohibited in all park buildings within San Antonio Missions National Historical Park.

- *In order to protect park historic resources, reduce the risk of fire and for the health and wellness of staff and visitors, smoking is prohibited inside of all park buildings.*

Section 2.51 – Demonstrations And Section 2.52 – Sale or Distribution of Printed Matter

(c)(1) - Designated available park areas

The following areas are designated for demonstrations and the sale or distribution of printed matter within San Antonio Missions National Historical Park:

- Mission Concepcion – Area 1 and Area 2 (See Attached Map)
- Mission San Jose – Area 1 and Area 2 (See Attached Map)
- Mission San Juan – Area 1 and Area 2 (See Attached Map)
- Mission Espada – Area 1 and Area 2 (See Attached Map)

Section 4.30 Bicycles

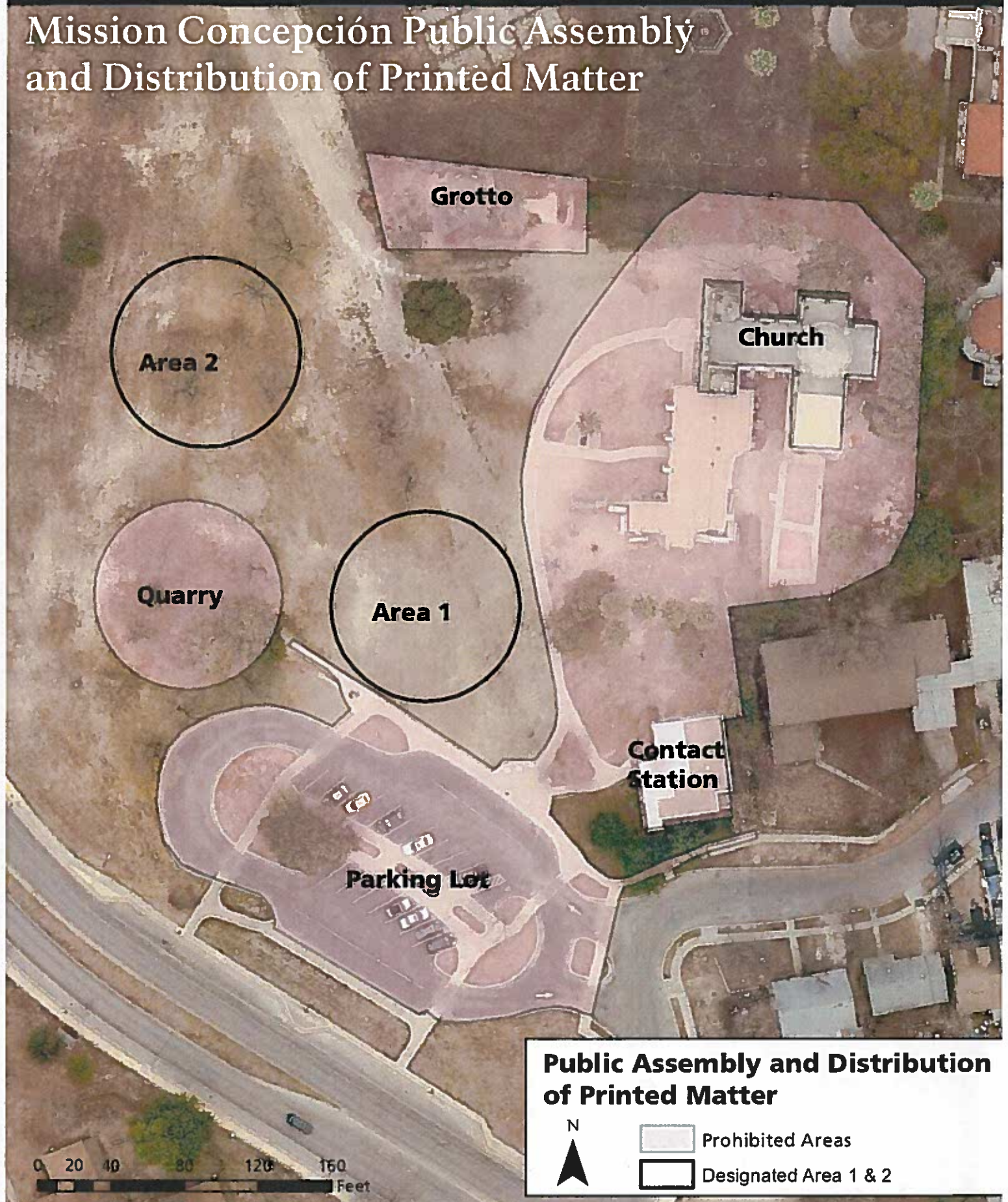
(a) Bicycles must be walked through all four mission compounds, in front of the Mission San Jose Visitor Center and on the San Juan Nature Trail at all times.

- *Bicycle use is very common throughout the park and there are excellent multi-use trails in or near all park units. Due to narrow walkways and high concentrations of visitors in the areas listed above it is necessary to walk bikes at all times to reduce the risk of accident/injury.*

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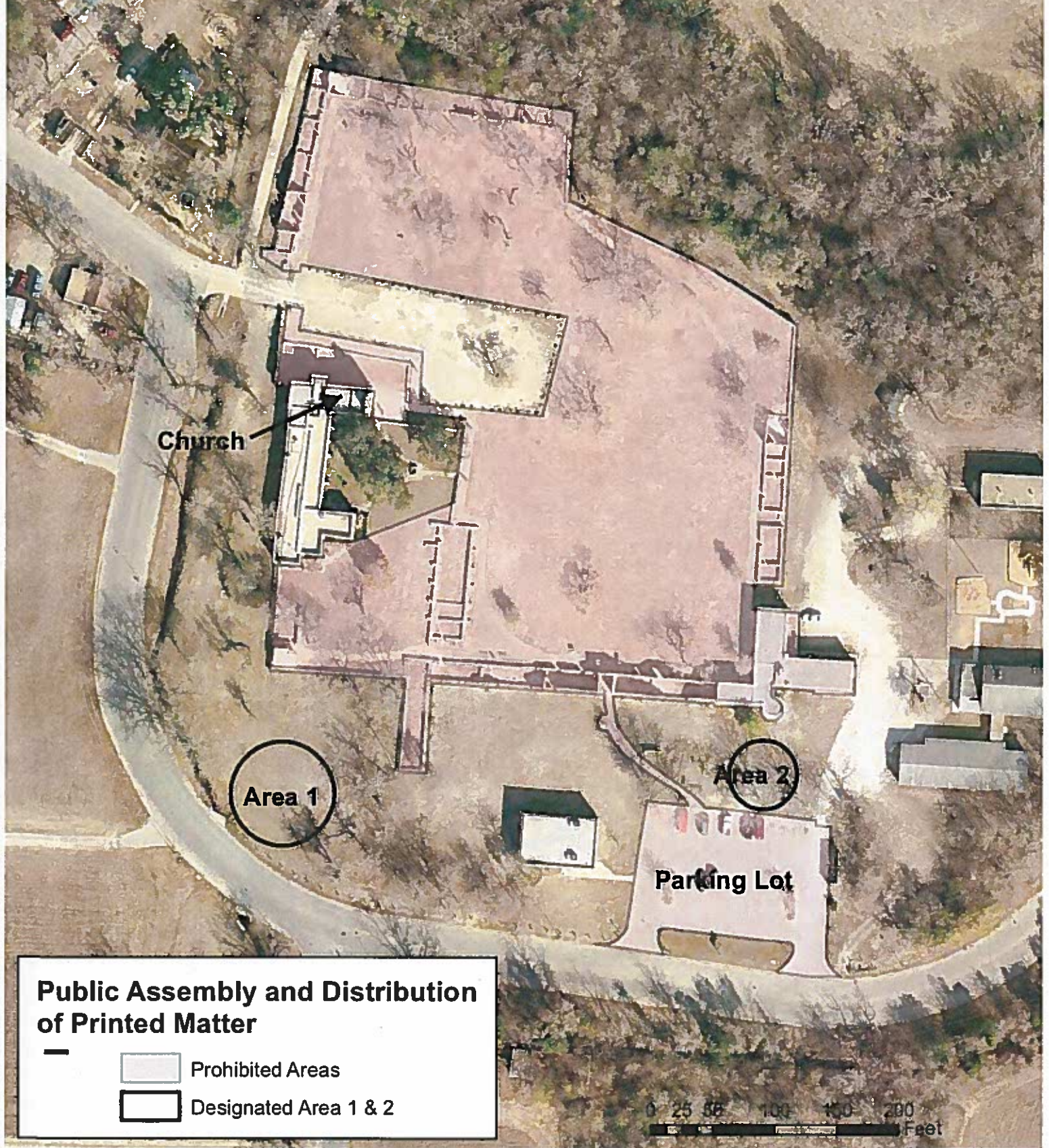


Mission Concepción Public Assembly and Distribution of Printed Matter





Mission Espada Public Assembly and Distribution of Printed Matter





Mission San José Public Assembly and Distribution of Printed Matter



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Prohibited Areas

Designated Area 1 & 2



Mission San Juan Public Assembly & Distribution of Printed Matter

